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**UTILITY  
PATENT APPLICATION  
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(Only for new nonprovisional applications under 37 CFR 1.53(b))

Attorney Docket No.		68,161-014
First Inventor		John C. Martin.
Title	METHOD AND APPARATUS FOR SOAKING AND DRAINING WOOD CHIPS AND CHUNKS	
Express Mail Label No.	EV146587917US	

**APPLICATION ELEMENTS**

See MPEP chapter 600 concerning utility patent application contents

1. ☒ Fee Transmittal Form (e.g., PTO/SB/17)  
(Submit an original and a duplicate for fee processing)
2. ☒ Applicant claims small entity status.  
See 37 CFR 1.27.
3. ☒ Specification [Total Pages (21)]  
(preferred arrangement set forth below)  
Descriptive title of the invention  
Cross reference to related applications  
Statement regarding Fed sponsored R & D  
Reference to sequence listing, a table, or a  
Computer program listing appendix  
Background of the Invention  
Brief Summary of the invention  
Brief Description of the Drawings  
Detailed description  
Claim(s)  
Abstract of the Disclosure
4. ☒ Drawing(s) (35 USC 113) [Total Sheets (7)]
5. ☒ Oath or Declaration [Total Pages (4)]
  - a. ☒ Newly executed (original copy) (unsigned)
  - b. ☐ Copy from a prior application (37 CFR 1.63(d))
    - (for continuation/divisional with Box 18 completed)
    - i. ☐ **DELETION OF INVENTOR(S)**  
Signed statement attached deleting inventor(s)  
Named in the prior application, see 37 CFR 1.63(d)(2) and 1.33(b).
6. ☒ Application Data Sheet. See 37 CFR 1.76

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7. ☐ CD-ROM or CD-R in duplicate, large table or Computer Program (Appendix)
8. ☐ Nucleotide and/or Amino Acid Sequence Submission (if applicable, all necessary)
  - a. ☐ Computer Readable Form (CRF)
  - b. Specification Sequence Listing on:
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    - ii. ☐ paper
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**ACCOMPANYING APPLICATION PARTS**

9. ☐ Assignment Papers (cover sheet & document(s))
10. ☐ 37 CFR 3.73(b) Statement ☐ Power of Attorney  
(when there is an assignee)
11. ☐ English Translation Document (if applicable)
12. ☐ Information Disclosure Statement ☐ Copies of IDS  
(IDS)/PTO/SB08/A and/or B Citations
13. ☐ Preliminary Amendment
14. ☒ Return Receipt Postcard (MPEP 503)  
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(b)(2)(B)(i). Applicant must attach form PTO/SB/35 or its equivalent.
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**FEE TRANSMITTAL  
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☒ Applicant Claims small entity status. See 37 CFR 1.27**TOTAL AMOUNT OF PAYMENT** (\$) 455**Complete if Known**

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Filing Date	Herewith
First Named Inventor	John C. Martin
Examiner Name	Unknown
Group / Art Unit	Unknown
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**FEE CALCULATION****1. BASIC FILING FEE**

Large Fee Code	Entity Fee (\$)	Small Fee Code	Entity Fee (\$)	Fee Description	Fee Paid
1001	770	2001	385	Utility filing fee	385
1002	340	2002	170	Design filing fee	
1003	530	2003	265	Plant filing fee	
1004	770	2004	385	Reissue filing fee	
1005	160	2005	80	Provisional filing fee	
<b>SUBTOTAL (1)</b>					<b>(\$ 385)</b>

**2. EXTRA CLAIM FEES**

	Large Fee Code	Entity Fee (\$)	Small Fee Code	Entity Fee (\$)	Fee Description	Fee Paid
Total Claims	23	-20**	3	9		27
Independent Claims	4	-3**	1	43		43
Multiple Dependent						0

Large Fee Code	Entity Fee (\$)	Small Fee Code	Entity Fee (\$)	Fee Description	Fee Paid
1202	18	2202	9	Claims in excess of 20	
1201	86	2201	43	Independent claims in excess of 3	
1203	200	2203	145	Multiple dependent claim, if not paid	
1204	86	2204	43	** Reissue independent claims over original patent	
1205	18	2205	9	** Reissue claims in excess of 20 and over original patent	
<b>SUBTOTAL (2)</b>					<b>(\$ 70)</b>

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**FEE CALCULATION (continued)****3. ADDITIONAL FEES**

Large Entity Fee Code	Large Entity Fee (\$)	Small Entity Fee Code	Small Entity Fee (\$)	Fee Description	Fee Paid
1051	130	2051	65	Surcharge - late filing fee or oath	
1052	50	2052	25	Surcharge - late provisional filing fee or cover sheet	
1053	130	1053	130	Non-English specification	
1812	2,520	1812	2,520	For filing a request for <i>ex parte</i> reexamination	
1804	920*	1804	920*	Requesting publication of SIR prior to Examiner action	
1805	1,840*	1805	1,840*	Requesting publication of SIR after Examiner action	
1251	110	2251	55	Extension for reply within first month	
1252	420	2252	210	Extension for reply within second month	
1253	950	2253	475	Extension for reply within third month	
1254	1,480	2254	740	Extension for reply within fourth month	
1255	2,010	2255	1,005	Extension for reply within fifth month	
1401	330	2401	165	Notice of Appeal	
1402	330	2402	165	Filing a brief in support of an appeal	
1403	290	2403	145	Request for oral hearing	
1451	1,510	1451	1,510	Petition to institute a public use proceeding	
1452	110	2452	55	Petition to revive - unavoidable	
1453	1,330	2453	665	Petition to revive - unintentional	
1501	1,330	2501	665	Utility issue fee (or reissue)	
1502	480	2502	240	Design issue fee	
1503	640	2503	320	Plant issue fee	
1460	130	1460	130	Petitions to the Commissioner	
1807	50	1807	50	Processing fee under 37 CFR 1.17(q)	
1806	180	1806	180	Submission of Information Disclosure Stmt	
8021	40	8021	40	Recording each patent assignment per property (times number of properties)	
1809	770	2809	385	Filing a submission after final rejection (37 CFR § 1.129(a))	
1810	770	2810	385	For each additional invention to be examined (37 CFR § 1.129(b))	
1801	770	2801	385	Request for Continued Examination (RCE)	
1802	900	1802	900	Request for expedited examination of a design application	
Other fee (specify)					
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<b>SUBTOTAL (3)</b>					<b>(\$ 0)</b>

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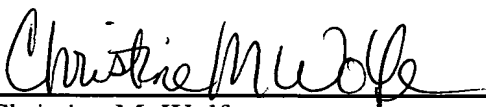
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